

## **Commends House Judiciary Committee for Passing "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act"**

Washington, DC-U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today commending the House Judiciary Committee for passing H.R. 3, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act:"

"Ending an innocent human life is morally wrong and so is taking the tax dollars of millions of pro-life Americans and using them to fund abortion. I commend the House Judiciary Committee for eliminating taxpayer funding of abortion through a variety of means by passing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

"Today is yet another victory for life and for the American taxpayer and I call on House leadership to schedule an immediate vote on this bill on the House floor."

### **Background**

H.R. 3 would codify a patchwork of historic pro-life policies including:

1. **Hyde Amendment (1976)** - Prohibits funding for elective abortion coverage through any program funded through Labor-HHS Appropriations

2. **Helms Amendment (1973)** - Prohibits funding for abortion as a method of family planning overseas

3. **Smith FEHBP Amendment (1996)** - Prohibits funding for elective abortion coverage for federal employees

4. **Dornan Amendment (1988)** - Prohibits use of congressionally appropriated funds for abortion in the District of Columbia

5. **Hyde-Weldon Amendment (2004)** - Conscience protections for health care providers, including doctors, nurses and hospitals

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